

REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION

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May 13, 2003

FROM: **MICHAEL A. RAMOS**
District Attorney

SUBJECT: **APPROVE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING TO FUND THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
STATUTORY RAPE VERTICAL PROSECUTION PROGRAM AND ADOPT
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO SIGN AND
SUBMIT THE APPLICATION.**

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve grant application to the California Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) for continued grant funding of the Statutory Rape Vertical Prosecution Program (SRVP) program for FY 2003-04 in the amount of \$261,950.
2. Adopt resolution authorizing the District Attorney to sign and submit the application on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) makes funds available to California District Attorneys Offices to establish specialized units to investigate and vertically prosecute incidents of unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor. San Bernardino County has received this funding for the last decade. The grant funds a unit, consisting of one (1) Deputy District Attorney, one (1) Investigative Technician and one (1) Secretary, that concentrates prosecution efforts upon individuals identified under selected criteria set forth in Penal Code Section 261.5. The grant also funds operating expenses for the program.

Funding for FY 2002-03 was \$274,820. This action seeks authorization to apply for continued funding for FY 2003-04 in the amount of \$261,950. Operating expenses are being reduced to accommodate the reduction in grant funding.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Deputy County Counsel Scott M. Runyan) on April 30, 2003 and the County Administrative Office (Administrative Analyst Mario Lara) on May 2, 2003.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This grant provides funding in the amount of \$261,950 to support the program during FY 2003-04. There is no additional local cost. Appropriation and revenue related to the program are included in the proposed FY 2003-04 budget.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): ALL

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